

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims replaces all prior listings, and versions, of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) Apparatus for a radio communication system having a network part at which a network-copy database is maintained and a mobile node at which a mobile-copy database is maintained, said apparatus for facilitating placement of data stored at a selected one of the network-copy database and mobile-copy database in synchronization with one another pursuant to a synchronization session, said apparatus comprising:

a first change list creator embodied at the selected one of the network-copy database and mobile-copy database, said first change list creator configured to create a first change list that lists change indicia of each change made to the selected one of the network-copy database and mobile-copy database during a selected time period during which one of the network-copy database and the mobile-copy database are changed;

a first change list identifier, embodied at the selected one of the network-copy database and mobile-copy database, said change list identifier providing an identifier to the first change list creator, said identifier uniquely identifying the first change list that is made by the first change list creator during said selected period; and

a first change-list lock that ~~selectably permits and prohibits~~ any changes to the first change list created by said first change list creator and which is identified by said identifier, said first change list lock configured to lock the first change list, thereby to prohibit changes to the first change list identified by said identifier upon commencement of the synchronization session process which synchronizes the network copy database to the mobile copy of the database, the selected time period defined by locking of the first change list by said first change-list lock ; and
a transmitter that communicates the first change list identifier at a time apart from a communication of the first change list following commencement of the synchronization session .

2. (Cancelled)

3. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 1 wherein the identifier comprises a numerical value.

4. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 3 wherein the numerical value uniquely identifies the first change list.

5. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 3 further comprising a register to store a prior-associated value previously associated with a previously-generated change list formed prior to a prior synchronization session, and wherein the numerical value used by said change list indicator is incrementally related to the prior-associated value.

6. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 5 wherein said change list identifier increments the prior-associated value by an integer value to form the identification value.

7. (Previously presented) The apparatus of claim 1 wherein a database synchronization session commences and said first change-list lock locks the first change list when a selection is made to send the first change list between the mobile node and the network part.

8. (Previously presented) The apparatus of claim 1 wherein session state information is communicated between the mobile node and the network part upon commencement of a database synchronization session and wherein the identification formed by said change list identifier forms part of the session state information.

9. (Original) The apparatus of claim 1 wherein, once locked by said first change-list lock, the first change list created by said first change list creator remains locked while at least one change indicia is contained in the first change list.

10. (Original) The apparatus of claim 1 wherein the change indicia contained in the first change list created by said change list creator comprises new-record indicia representative of at least a first record added to the selected one of the network-copy database and mobile-copy database.

11. (Original) The apparatus of claim 1 wherein the change indicia contained in the first change list created by said change list creator comprises altered record indicia representative of at least a first change.

12. (Currently Amended) A method for a radio communication system having a network part at which a network-copy database is maintained and a mobile node at which a mobile-copy database is maintained, said method for synchronizing data stored at a selected one of the network-copy database and mobile-copy database said method comprising:

creating a first list, which lists change indicia of each change made to the selected one of the network copy database and the mobile copy database during a selected period;

associating a unique identifier with said first change list, said unique identifier uniquely identifying the first change list;

initiating a synchronization session;

locking the first change list identified by said unique identifier upon prior to commencement of the ~~to a~~ synchronization session process to thereby prohibit any changes to the first change list after the commencement of the synchronization session, the selected period end defined by the locking of the first list ~~created during said creating~~; and

communicating the first change list identification identifier over a radio air interface following synchronization session initiation and prior to communicating the first change list over the radio air interface.

13. (Cancelled)

14. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 12 wherein the identifier associated with the first change list during said operation of associating comprises a numerical value.

15. (Original) The method of claim 14 wherein the numerical value associated during said operation of associating with the first change list uniquely identifies the first change list.

16. (Previously presented) The method of claim 12 further comprising the operation of storing at a register a prior-associated value previously associated with a previously-used change list formed prior to a prior synchronization session, and wherein the identity value used during said operation of associating is incrementally related to the prior-associated value.

17. (Original) The method of claim 16 wherein said operation of associating comprises incrementing the prior-associated value by an integer value to form the identity value.

18. (Previously presented) The method of claim 12 wherein locking the change list is performed after a decision is made to send the first change list between the mobile node and the network part.

19. (Cancelled)

20. (Original) The method of claim 12 wherein, once locked during said operation of locking, the first change list remains locked while at least one change indicia is contained in the first change list.